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The specification changes suggested by the Examiner had been made.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14, 16-18, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Kloosterman. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kloosterman in view of Callender. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kloosterman in view of Ohta.

Claim 1 distinguishes over Kloosterman at least for the following reasons. Claim 1 recites generating a document template using static resource data, registering that document template with the static resource data in a resource administration unit, generating a resource list by the resource administration unit in which resource data sets used by the document template are listed and using the resource list routing a transfer of the data sets to a data processing device where the document template is supplemented with variable data. For the above features, the Examiner cites there is a certain data base 16 in Fig. 1A of Kloosterman along with paragraph 38 at page 4 of Kloosterman together with Table 1. However, these portions of Kloosterman cannot suggest the claim language since the recipient data base 16 is a file containing a data base of records relating to metadata of the recipients. That metadata is shown in Table 1 as the name of recipient of the print job such as Jack Snow having a particular income level. Depending on that income level, it is decided whether the Lexis, Ford, or Hugo variable data shown at paragraphs 34, 35, and 36 is to be employed. Thus, recipient data base 16 is not static resource data. Moreover, there is no resource list in data base 16 listing resource data sets of static data since 16 is not a static data base. In fact paragraph 38 makes no mention of any resource list of any kind.

As stated at paragraph 38 in Kloosterman, once the variable data print job is formed, the merge 14 generates a document for every record in the recipient data base 16. There is no disclosure of a static data base having a resource list or a resource list being then used for transferring the data sets. The static template is sent to a computer where the static data is going to be combined with variable data. The advantage of the invention is that the resource list ensures that all of the data sets for the static data are transferred down before the merging of the variable data. Nothing like this is set forth anywhere in Kloosterman.

Since Kloosterman does not have any static data base for the resource list file, the Examiner cited a secondary reference, Callender in connection with claim 15. Callender, however, cannot satisfy the deficiencies of Kloosterman. Callender only relates to an interview traversing through a two dimensional three structure of an interview. This disclosure in no way relates to ensuring that there are no missing files in a static template which is transmitted to a print server where the static data is then combined with variable data. As pointed out in Applicants specification, if a static data set is missing, then combination of the static data with the variable data is delayed. The resource list of the present invention solves this problem. Callender does not suggest a solution to such a problem.

Dependent claims 2-19 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 1 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.
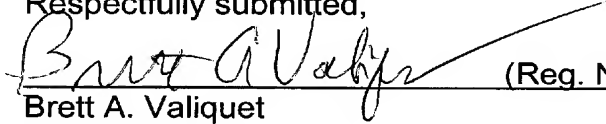
Method claim 20 distinguishes in a manner similar to claim 1. The same is true of system claim 21. Dependent claim 22 distinguishes at least for the reasons note with respect to claim 21.

System claim 23 distinguishes in a manner similar to claim 1.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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